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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	F-308
First Inventor	Ralph;
Title	Insertion Tool for use with Intervertebral Spacers
Express Mail Label No.	ER005068897US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 33]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 13]
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 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
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 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of (when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 09 906,127

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification			
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination			
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month			
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month			
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month			
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month			
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month			
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal			
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing			
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable			
141	1,240	241	620	Petition to revive - unintentional			
142	1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
143	440	243	220	Design issue fee			
144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee			
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)			
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
179	710	279	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)			
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application			
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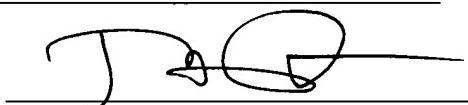
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DOCUMENTS INCLUDED:

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